



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re of:

Application No.: 10/550,694 **Examiner:** Timothy F. Simone
Filing Date: May 23, 2006 **Art Unit:** 3742
First Inventor: Carlo CARBONINI **Customer No.:** 23364
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For: STEAM AUTOMATIC DISPENSING DEVICE FOR PREPARING HOT AND/OR FROTHED DRINKS

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED APRIL 9, 2008

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is responsive to the Office Action mailed April 9, 2008 regarding the above identified application. This response is timely in view of a petition to extend the shortened statutory period for response submitted herewith, including the requisite fee. Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in view of the amendments and comments presented herein.

AMENDMENT

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

The specification is amended as shown on the following pages under the heading "AMENDMENTS TO SPECIFICATION". This amendment is made to the SUBSTITUTE SPECIFICATION previously entered in the application.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The claims are amended as shown in the following pages under the heading "LIST OF CURRENT CLAIMS". This listing of claims supersedes all prior listings of claims presented in this application and shows the current status of all claims in the application including currently proposed amendments. Any cancellation of claims is made without prejudice or disclaimer and Applicant reserves all rights to the original disclosed and claimed subject matter.